CITY OF GLOUCESTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

A meeting was held on Tuesday November 27th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall

The meeting was opened by Chairman Robert B. Ryan at 6:00 p.m. Also attending were members Larry Ingersoll, Anthony Bertolino, Robert Francis and City Councilors Steven LeBlanc and Melissa Cox.

AGENDA

Order #CC2012-060 (Councilor LeBlanc) Ordered that the GCO ch 22 (Traffic & MV's) Sec 22-291 (Tow Zones) be amended by ADDING:

Lincoln Avenue, from its intersection with Blynman Avenue, on the westerly side, to a point across from #15 Lincoln Avenue.

After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order, with wording as follows:

Lincoln Avenue, from its intersection with Blynman Avenue, on the westerly side, in a northerly direction, for 385 feet to a point across from #15 Lincoln Avenue.

Order #CC2012-061 (Councilor LeBlanc) Ordered that the GCO Sec 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

one space in front of #13 Granite Street

<u>NO VOTE</u> was taken on this order as the TC found that there is already an ordinance in place for a sign that is presently not there. The TC recommends that the DPW install the sign to satisfy the ordinance.

Order #CC2012-063 (Councilor Cox) Ordered that the GCO Ch 22 (Traffic & MV's) Sec 22-279 (Thirty Minute Parking), be amended by DELETING:

the space or spaces in front of #27 Commercial Street

and amending Sec 22-274 (Two Hour Parking Between Certain Hours) by ADDING:

the space or spaces in front of #27 Commercial Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

After a discussion and speaking to Councilor Cox, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order, with a combined zone with order #CC2012-064, thus making it one zone (under GCO ch 22 sec 22-277 One Hour Parking) with the wording and measurements suggested in the following order.

Order #CC2012-064 (Councilor Cox) Ordered that the GCO Ch 22 (traffic & MV's) Sec 22-279 (Thirty Minute Parking) be amended by DELETING:

the space or spaces in front of #29 Commercial Street

and amending Sec 22-277 (One Hour Parking-Generally) by ADDING:

The space or spaces in front of #29 Commercial Street, except Saturdays and Sundays

After a discussion and speaking with Councilor Cox, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order, combined with the previous order.

For the purposes of clarification, the new order for the zone should read:

Commercial Street, westerly side, from the intersection of Beach Court, in a southerly direction, 53 feet to the intersection of Pascucci Court. This order should be listed under Ch 22 sec 22-277 One Hour Parking.

The TC also brought to the attention of Councilor Cox a loading zone on Beach Court, that was granted for the former business at 27 Commercial Street (Cape Ann Brewery). The TC suggested that the Councilor take the steps to rescind this zone, thus enabling more parking in that neighborhood.

Also discussed was the current angle parking being done in the 27-29 Commercial Street area. The orders above are for <u>parallel parking only</u>. Councilor Cox may submit a future order to allow angle parking in front of #27 Commercial Street to increase area parking.

Order #CC2012-067 (Councilor Cox) Ordered that the GCO Ch22, Article 1, be amended by adding new sections 22-7 through 22-16 "Gloucester Bicycle Ordinance" based on the proposed draft ordinance (copy to be viewed at our meeting) and amend the GCO Ch 22 Sec 22-242 (Parking Prohibitions; Towing; immobilizations; signs) by adding new subsection (17) any bike lane established by the Director of Public Works as provided by Sec XXX, any bike path and bicycle parking facility

After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the intentions of the draft proposal. The TC feels this ordinance will need to be revisited, for safety and traffic flow reasons, six months after it is approved by the City Council and paths, lanes and parking areas are established by the DPW Director. The TC also recommended that the City Council have final approval of any path, lane or parking area for bicycles that the DPW Director may propose.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary